

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the Application is respectfully requested. The Examiner has restricted claims 1-35 in this Application. Specifically, the Examiner has restricted Claims 1-22 to Group I as being drawn to a method for producing hydrogen, classified in class 423, subclass 648.1, and Claims 24-35 to Group II as being drawn to a device for producing hydrogen, classified in class 48, subclass 61R.

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute claims 1-22 of Group I. The Examiner has not indicated which Group the linking claim (Claim 23) should be assigned to for prosecution. Accordingly, Applicants believe that claim 23 should also be included within the prosecution of Group I claims and have not canceled claim 23 in this response. If the Examiner disagrees with this assertion, please contact the Applicants representative to discuss. Therefore Applicants have canceled claims 24-35. Applicants will likely either rejoin claims 24-35 after an indication of allowability of the linking claim 23 or alternatively may elect to file a divisional application at a later point in time.

If additional discussion with the Examiner would help to resolve these issues, the undersigned would be very willing to set up an appropriate time for such dialogue.

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